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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
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RE: FCC Docket No. 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Grandview Economic Development Council, I would like to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to permit Southwestern Bell to offer long distance services in Missouri.

Southwestern Bell has been an active corporate partner in Grandview for many years, and has not only provided excellent telecommunications services, but also civic support of many worthwhile endeavors. It is apparent that Southwestern Bell has met all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act to open the market to local competitors. Now it is time for consumers to have the same ability to select long distance services from them.

We know that in other states where Southwestern Bell has been allowed to sell long distance, the competing carriers have responded by offering more discounts and better packages. In addition, it has stimulated competitive activity in the local service market. All of this competitive pricing can only mean that consumers will get more for their money, and hopefully will reinvest that which they are saving back into our community.

We applaud the Missouri Public Service Commission for approving Southwestern Bell's long distance application, and we encourage the FCC to support it as well.

Sincerely,

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Kim Curtis  
Executive Director

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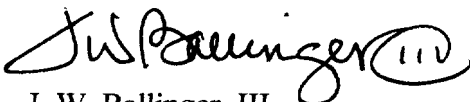
Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

We write in support of the application allowing Southwestern Bell to provide long distance service in the State of Missouri. The filing is before you at this time under the docket shown above.

At the local chamber level we believe strongly in competition to improve quality, efficiency and delivery of services at the best value for area customers. We choose to be open to new businesses, even when they may be in competition with those currently providing goods and services because, in the long run, the community and each business is better served when there are multiple competitors. More choice, better service, and more equitable cost structures just seem to exist where competition is strong. And, more business choices seem to attract the consumer thereby increasing a community's ability to grow its population and trade area.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has been a good neighbor to the area since the inception of this Chamber in 1901. Good, strong companies like Southwestern Bell must have the ability to change and continue to compete to maintain that strength for the benefit of consumers, communities and shareholders alike. After your careful consideration it is our request that you grant this application to deliver long distance service.

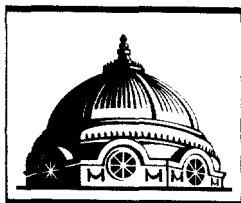
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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

I am eager to take this opportunity to communicate directly with you and to convey my support for Southwestern Bell in its quest to move forward into the long distance market in Missouri.

I have been privileged to serve in the field of higher education for nearly thirty-six years now with the attendant honor of serving as President and/or Chancellor of four different universities in four different states. I have often felt that there is no industry more competitive than that of higher education! Indeed, it is competitive, it is massive, and it is absolutely vital to our collective futures. One of the most fundamental principles that has kept our industry alive and thriving is the basic premise that our institutions deliver the highest quality education for the lowest possible cost. This principle is more alive and more operative today than ever before during my tenure in higher education.

The magnitude of the operating dollars spent by colleges and universities for supporting services from various industries is absolutely staggering. The level of tuition is driven in large part by our ability or inability to seek out and find highly competitive pricing for those services. To the extent that we are successful in doing so, we are able to maintain a high level of quality education at the lowest possible cost to the students.

Thus, we are always supportive of those efforts out in the “other world” which will result in an ever-expanding array of selections for us to pursue to provide those services at the lowest possible cost . . . competition! As I’m sure you are aware, a very healthy “chunk” of our resources is allocated to telecommunications of all kinds. Long distance service alone consumes a major slice of our fiscal pie. We, again, look for a high level of competition in securing the very best possible rates.

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The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas  
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It is our assumption, based on past practice, that to the extent that it is reasonable all qualified entities should be permitted . . . indeed, encouraged . . . to enter the arena and to engage in full and fair competition to market their services. Clearly, we benefit under such a scenario, as do all other consumers.

Perhaps this explanation is far too elongated, so let me simply close by passing on to you our genuine interest in and support for allowing Southwestern Bell into the long distance market in Missouri.

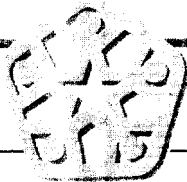
I am sure there are many of us, in this arena at least, who would welcome the opportunity to further elaborate on our position in this regard should it be deemed either desirable and/or necessary.

My sincere thanks to you for the opportunity to communicate with you on this vital matter.

Sincerely,

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Dale F. Nitzschke  
Chancellor

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RE: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

Southwestern Bell is a valued corporate citizen in the St. Louis metropolitan area. This company is not only counted on to provide essential telecommunications services, it is also an important employer and major contributor to civic efforts.

Consumers would benefit greatly if Southwestern Bell were permitted entry into the long distance market and its customers would profit from having lower long distance rates as well as having more choices.

By allowing Southwestern Bell into the long distance market this could create a one-stop shop for customers' telecommunications needs. One bill would encompass video, voice and data services. Please consider the aspect of competition and Southwestern Bell's significance to the metropolitan area.

I am in support of Southwestern Bell being allowed to enter into the long distance market in this region.

Sincerely,

Tom Brown  
Mayor

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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

I would like to voice my support for the request before you to allow Southwestern Bell into Missouri's long distance market place.

I was pleased when the Missouri Public Service Commission voted unanimously to endorse Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance service in our state. As a senior citizen, and concerned about the needs of our senior citizens in Missouri, it would be easier for many of our elder citizens to have only one bill a month for their communications needs. It's a question of simplicity and reliability and I am hopeful that the FCC will approve this application.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance service in Missouri, which is currently pending before the Commission. As a businesswoman, I can fully appreciate the impact that competition has on the market. It has been my experience that increased competition leads to more choices, better value and innovative services. I believe that this same concept would apply to long distance.

Currently, there are thirteen local telecommunications providers in my hometown of Cape Girardeau, with more being certified every day. In states where the incumbent Telephone Company is allowed to compete, like New York, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma, customers are already seeing lower rates and better service, all because another player has entered the market. Missouri should have the same opportunity.

Allowing Southwestern Bell to enter the long distance market will be good for business and residential customers because we will have more choices. I look forward to the day when one provider can handle all of my telecommunications services on one bill. I encourage your favorable consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Knote  
President and CEO

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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

I have been made aware of the application of Southwestern Bell to provide long distance service in the state of Missouri. As a small business owner, I am interested in supporting any application that will increase competition and the possibility of lower costs for this service.

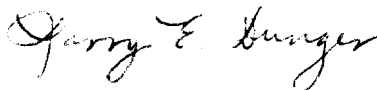
I understand that the Missouri Public Service Commission has endorsed the application as well. I know that Missouri consumers would be benefited by the ability to have all their telephone needs served by one company.

By granting this application, you will not only benefit small businesses but will also make it easier for our senior citizens to select one telephone provider for all their communication needs.

I therefore respectfully request that you positively support the application of Southwestern Bell.

Sincerely,

The Light & Power Company, Inc.



Larry E. Dunger  
President

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Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Ms. Salas,

As a consumer and business owner in Kirksville, Mo., I encourage your support of Southwestern Bell's application, pending with the Federal Communications Commission, requesting authority to provide long distance service in Missouri.

I understand Southwestern Bell has satisfied the requirements set forth by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and therefore should be afforded the opportunity to compete in the long distance market.

A company such as Southwestern bell can only benefit the citizens of our community; the employment opportunities alone could potentially have a strong statewide economic impact. More importantly, Southwestern Bell has the ability to compete strongly with the existing long distance companies, keeping costs at a minimum for the consumer.

Southwestern Bell has proven its ability as a leader in the telecommunications industry and I am confident their venture into the long distance market will be no less.

In closing, I urge you to join the citizens of the State of Missouri in endorsing Southwestern Bell in their efforts to compete in the long distance market.

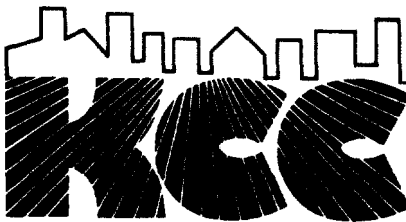
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Kyle D. Antoine  
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**Washington, D.C. 20554**

**Re: CC Docket 01-88**

**Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:**

**The Kennett Chamber of Commerce would like to express our interest in the application Southwestern Bell has submitted to the FCC to provide long distance service in Missouri.**

**Southwestern Bell is an excellent corporate citizen in the Kennett, Missouri area. They are the only telecommunications organization to actually invest in the economic development efforts of our community. They have always provided excellent service in any form needed to their area customers.**

**Competing telecommunication companies have been able to operate in Kennett due to significant Southwestern Bell financial and human resources dedicated to opening the local phone market.**

**With the efforts Southwestern Bell has made, it is now time to allow them the same competitive opportunities by opening the long distance phone market to Southwestern Bell. Competition is healthy and needed in our economy. We would be very pleased to have Southwestern Bell as a long distance option.**

**We respectfully request that you positively support Southwestern Bell's application, thereby allowing healthy competition in all facets of the telecommunication industry.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jim Baker**  
**Executive Director**

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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

Please accept this letter as that of support of Southwestern Bell Telephone's application to provide interstate long distance service. Their application (CC Docket 01-88) is presently before the Federal Communications Commission.

The Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce is confident that the approval of Southwestern Bell's application will be good for Missouri consumers. This belief is confirmed by recent examples in Texas as Southwestern Bell is already proving to be a good competitor and providing Texans more choices than ever before. We are anxious for Missouri residents to receive more choices.

Also, Southwestern Bell has been a big supporter of our community and its economic development.

Sincerely,



Ed Dust  
Executive Vice President

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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was passed by Congress in order to bring competition to the telephone industry. The intent was to open the market and level the playing field, giving consumers more choices, and hopefully, lower prices.

As you are well aware, the FCC was charged with the task of implementing the Act. The FCC established a 14 point checklist that must be pursued in good faith by the five Regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOC's) before they can provide long distance service in their traditional local service territory. When they satisfy the 14 points, they file with their state public service commission. When the state approves the 271 filing, they file with the FCC for approval to be able to provide long distance.

Southwestern Bell has satisfied the Missouri Public Service Commission, and is continuing the process. The purpose of this letter is to show our support for their efforts. In June of 1998, our Board of Directors took a position in favor of Southwestern Bell's entry into the long distance market for our area, and we still support this today. Competition is good for all business.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

John Mehner  
President & CEO

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Subj: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas/Commissioners:

Please accept this letter as my support for Southwestern Bell's application to provide Long Distance services in the state of Missouri.

As the Chief Information Officer for the largest health system in the Kansas City area, I receive a number of support services from Southwestern Bell in telecommunications and network technologies. Health Midwest also works with a number of other technology vendors and service providers. In all cases, we have seen a direct correlation between increased-competition and increased-value in the technology marketplace.

In the healthcare industry, we are facing many dramatic challenges as we strive to drive down the costs of care while maintaining or improving clinical outcomes. We are always thoughtful about opportunities we have to be wise stewards of the resources at our disposal. The dollars we spend on long-distance charges are significant and we expect to see new opportunities to better manage these expenses with increased-competition in the long-distance market in our region.

Please expedite your approval of Southwestern Bell's application to offer these services. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Kent McAllister  
Health Midwest  
Chief Information Officer  
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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners;

I am a member of the steering committee of Connect Missouri, an organization supporting fair and open competition in the telecommunications field, especially in the rural areas of our state.

Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance service is a much needed and sought after opportunity for our area and one that would provide healthy competition.

Southwestern Bell has long been a visible and physical presence in our communities and we like what we see. We are aware of 70 companies who are already providing local phone service to customers thus complying with the requirement to open their local market to competition.

I first became interested in telecommunications while serving in city government. I served ten years to include the office of Mayor. I then served five years as President of the Chamber of Commerce. I am currently serving as State Organizing Secretary of the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. (a group of 6,000 women). My point is that I am in contact with thousands of people who sincerely want Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to be one of their choices when they choose their long distance provider.

Your favorable support of Southwestern Bell's application to become a long distance carrier is urgently requested.

Sincerely,



Shirley A. Young  
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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

BJC HealthCare would like to express our interest in the application Southwestern Bell has submitted to the FCC to provide long distance service in the State of Missouri.

It is our understanding that Southwestern Bell has met all the requirements set under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to open local phone markets to competition prior to being allowed the opportunity to offer long distance service. Competing telecommunication companies have been operating in Missouri, due to significant Southwestern Bell financial and human resources dedicated to opening the local phone market.

With the efforts Southwestern Bell has made, it is now time to allow them the same competitive opportunities by opening the long distance phone market to Southwestern Bell. Competition is healthy and needed in our economy.

We respectfully request that you positively support Southwestern Bell's application, thereby allowing healthy competition in all facets of the telecommunication industry.

Sincerely,



David A. Weiss  
Vice President and CIO

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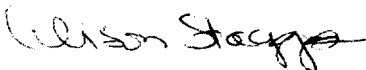
I am writing in support of the application to allow Southwestern Bell to provide interstate long distance service in the state of Missouri. This filing is now pending before the Federal Communications Commission.

This company's longtime record of high quality service and support of excellence in education, economic development and civic affairs makes it an even more valuable corporate citizen. Authorization to provide long distance service in Missouri will allow Southwestern Bell to contribute even more to the benefit of the citizens of this state.

We, as a country, are about free enterprise and the ability to compete fairly in the market place to have equal access to provide a quality product or service. Allowing Southwestern Bell to compete with other major long distance carriers can only prove to be a benefit to consumers through rate reductions and other savings by the increased competition.

As a concerned citizen and a business owner I would like to respectfully ask you to seriously consider Southwestern Bell's application and the many favorable implications its acceptance will have on our state and community.

Sincerely,



Alison Staggs  
Co-owner  
Global Marketing Solutions

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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

This letter is written in support of Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance services in Missouri.

As a company serving many locations in the state it's very important that we can have the flexibility and convenience of obtaining services from one source. Also the competitive environment created by allowing Southwestern Bell to enter the long distance services business will help create the business opportunities for all users of telephone services in Missouri and will finally fulfil the promises of deregulation.

I believe Southwestern Bell has made strong efforts to open local telephone markets to competitive businesses and deserves the opportunity to expand they're business to meet the needs of they're customers.

I know results of this activity in other states has been very positive and would like to lend my voice to the support for this in Missouri

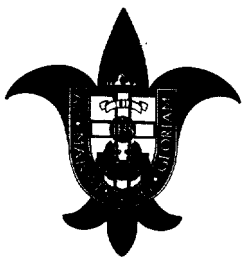
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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

I recommend the FCC approve Southwestern Bell's request to enter into the long distance market. As the executive charged with managing the telecommunication services for Saint Louis University, I understand the importance of competition and the role it plays in keeping costs down. I welcome the increased competition.

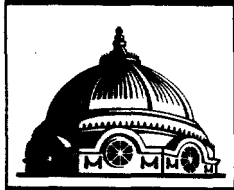
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Thomas Nowicki  
Assistant Vice President

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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Southwestern Bell's application to enter the long distance market in Missouri. It is my understanding that Southwestern Bell has met all of the requirements established by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In addition, the Missouri Public Service Commission has unanimously endorsed Southwestern Bell's application after a careful review and independent audit of their processes and systems. This review process concluded that local competition does exist in Missouri and that other service providers are being treated fairly and in accordance with the Act.

Southwestern Bell has been an excellent corporate citizen in Cape Girardeau, and has been actively involved in bringing advanced telecommunications services to rural areas of the state. This technology has enhanced the learning process and encouraged telecommuting in areas that would not have the benefit of higher education.

I respectfully request that you approve Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance in Missouri.

Sincerely,

*Dale E. Haskell*

Dale E. Haskell Ph.D.  
Professor of English

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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

It is my understanding that Southwestern Bell has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission to provide long distance service in Missouri. As an entrepreneur and businessman, I have seen the technological advancements that are available in other locations where competition drives the market. I believe that allowing Southwestern Bell to provide long distance service will be good for my business.

Southwestern Bell has evolved from a plain old telephone company to a full service voice, data and video telecommunications provider and as such should not be hampered by regulatory restrictions that prevent them from providing services that customers want. Southwestern Bell is investing \$300 million in a new high-speed data network that will bring high-speed Internet access throughout Missouri. These types of advanced services are critical to the success of small businesses and the economic development of this region.

Your favorable ruling would provide customers with another choice. In my line of business, more choices have always led to better value and better service. I believe that the same principle would apply to the telecommunications industry.

Sincerely,

John Edwards  
CEO and President

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